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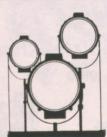
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THE TAMING OF THE SHREW

by William Shakespeare

March 13,14,15, 1986 8:15 P.M. March 16, 1986 2:00 P.M.

GUEST DIRECTOR: SCENIC DESIGNER: COSTUME DESIGNER: TECHNICAL & LIGHTING DIRECTOR: Geoffrey Nelson Fred J. Thayer Lucy Lee Reuther Robert Fox



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Of all Shakespeare's comedies, few have come in for as much re-writing, editing, adapting and out-right "tinkering" as The Taming of the Shrew. Even before Shakespeare's text was published in 1623, one of the actors in his company had supplied a rival printer with a 'pirated' version, The Taming of 'a' Shrew. As Elizabethan actors never received the full text of any script, only their lines and cues, "A" Shrew is a pastiche of memory and odd invention. Playwright John Fletcher also got into the act by producing a sequel (perhaps the first 'spin-off') entitled The Woman's Prize, or The Tamer Tamed, in which Petruchio gets his comeuppance from his second wife. It seems that Feminist versions of Shrew go back a lot farther than Women's Liberation.

By the late Seventeenth Century, Shakespeare's original text was rarely performed. Instead, writers used it as a springboard for their own, "contemporary" adaptions. In Sauny the Scot, or The Taming of the Shrew, the setting is changed from Italy to England and all the names are anglicized. The leading character is no longer Petruchio, however, but his servant Grumio (now called "Sauny"), a Scottish buffoon not above a little vulgar horseplay. After 1754, the dominant stage version for the next hundred years was a three-act farce (the original is in five acts) called Catherine and Petruchio, written by the great actor-manager David Garrick. Garrick's version simply eliminates most of the Bianca sub-plot and stresses the farce in

the play.

By the end of the Nineteenth Century, Shakespeare's own text had begun to return to the stage. But this did not stop directors and actors from making the play 'their own'. In the 1920's, a very successful modern-dress version (with Ralph Richardson and Laurence Olivier in supporting roles) was staged in London and New York. Katherine wore bodded hair and a blazer, Grumio was a cowboy, and Petruchio — dressed in a golf cap and goggles — drove a model T Ford! At the New Jersey Shakespeare Festival in 1973, Petruchio wore a spiked German helmet and a black leather jacket with the words "Losers" inscribed on the back. Katherine wore a Women's Lib tee-shirt and dominated him throughout the play. In Franco Zeffereili's 1967 screen version, Petruchio (Richard Burton) had to chase Katherine (Elizabeth Taylor) across the roof-tops of Padua before she would agree to marry him. And, in the American Conservatory Theatre's highly athletic production (broadcast on PBS in 1976), Petruchio beats his bare chest like Tarzan, swings from bars suspended over the stage, and spins Katherine over his head like a sack of potatoes.

All this re-writing, editing, adapting and stylizing only indicates one thing: There is something about this four-hundred year old play that continues to fascinate us. Petruchio may be a mercenary bully, or he may be a courteous lover, and Kate may be bad-tempered and shrewish, or just love-starved and struggling for attention. Whatever the interpretation, the basic conflicts of love vs. money, age vs. youth and man vs. woman continue to engage us today

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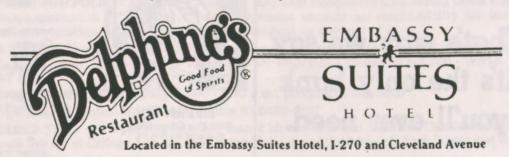
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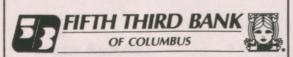
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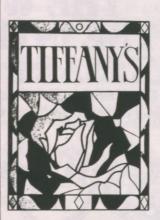
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The Department offers several alternative degree programs, including:

The Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in acting or design-technical theatre, designed to prepare students for careers in professional theatre.

The Bachelor of Arts degree is a fundamental theatre training sequence with options in Music Theatre, Children's Theatre, Theatre Education and Theatre Arts Management.

The Department of Theatre and Dance combines with the Department of Music and Visual Arts to form the new CENTER FOR THE ARTS. While each department provides separate intensive student education and performances opportunities, they frequently combine efforts in co-curricular performances activities that are annually attended by thousands in the central Ohio area.

Theatre students combine intensive classroom study with practical production work to develop and practice their craft. Our curriculum places strong emphasis upon the development of well-rounded persons within the liberal arts spectrum, while at the same time providing specialized theatre training in all areas of theatre. The purposes of the Otterbein College Theatre:

- 1. To train students in the arts of the theatre and prepare them for careers.
- 2. To provide opportunities for disciplined work in classes and on stage.
- 3. To develop high artistic standards thru the use of guest professionals.
- 4. To "bridge the gap" between educational training and career goals.
- 5. To provide entertainment, education, and cultural enrichment for students and community thru public performances.

The above goals are reached thru intensive class work and the 12 annual productions in winter and summer theatre programs. Approximately 9 studio productions are also presented each winter. Most of our students work in summer theatres here or at other Ohio theatres, and our seniors spend 15 weeks on professional theatre internships either in New York City or in regional theatres all over the country. The highly qualified faculty is frequently augmented with visiting professional actors, directors and designers, thus providing the link between academia and the realities of the professional theatre world.

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GUEST DIRECTOR

Geoffrey Nelson is the Artistic Director of The Contemporary American Theatre Company in Columbus, for which he has staged Mass Appeal, True West, and Talking With . . . At Otterbein, he has directed Arsenic and Old Lace, The Witness for the Prosecution, and God's Favorite. He also spent five summers as a Shakespearean actor.

AMERICAN COLLEGE THEATRE FESTIVAL WINNER

For the first time an Otterbein student, Tim Gregory, won the Irene Ryan Audition at the American College Theatre Festival Great Lakes Regional competition. He receives a \$1000 scholarship and will compete at the Kennedy Center on April 6 against 11 other regional finalists to select the best college actors in America. Congratulations to "ALL-AMERICAN" Tim Gregory.

Three Otterbein students were nominated for this regional competition, Tim Gregory, Jodie Silk and Dia Huekler. Selections were made by adjudicators from other schools who saw both fall productions. Silk and Gregory were selected for the 12 finalists from among the 70 plus contestants from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio, the second time in recent years that two Otterbein students have been so honored.

Catherine Randazzo was also selected as the "best partner," a first in this region since the winner's partner has never been selected for this honor before. She will accompany Gregory to Washington where they will perform their audition in front of New York and Los Angeles producers, directors, agents and casting directors. Their five and a half minute audition consists of a scene and song from the musical Baby and a monologue by Tim from P.S. Your Cat Is Dead.

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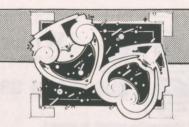
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The action of the play takes place in the Italian cities of Padua, a University town, and Venice during the Renaissance.

There will be one intermission.

A VERY SHORT ELIZABETHAN GLOSSARY

Toward (pronounced "tō-ward"): As thing should be (i.e. Bianca). Froward (pronounced "frō-ward"): Perverse (i.e. Katherine).



MOVING ARTS COMPANY CONCERT April 3-4-5

The MOVING ARTS COMPANY, under the sponsorship of the Department of Theatre and Dance, will present an evening of vibrant and innovative movement art in its spring concert at the Battelle Fine Arts Center on April 3-4-5 at 8:15 p.m. MAC is also sponsored in part by Cardinal Industries. The Thursday evening performance is reserved for Otterbein students and faculty (free admission) at 7:30 p.m.

The MOVING ARTS COMPANY, a professional dance troup organized in 1982, has brought rich and varied performance experiences to Central Ohio audiences. As a repertory company committed to focusing on contemporary dance, while encompassing theatre arts and mime, Moving Arts Company provides opportunities for selected emerging and established choreographers to create and present original works.

"October Songs," by guest choreographer Rosalind Pierson, director of The Ohio State University Dance Company, was created specifically for Moving Arts Company. A suite of dances performed to musical settings of four Rainer Maria Rilke poems, "October Songs" is a lyrical work which deals with emotional turbulence as change and loneliness turn to resolution.

Founding company member David Krohn will present two works: "Remembering Back and Forth," a duet performed to a traditional Appalachian spiritual; and "The Cremation of Sam McGee." This dramatic mime piece, supported by the spoken poem of Robert Service, takes place during the gold rush to the Yukon in the 1890's.

Sometimes playful and at other times pensive, Linda Martin's "Ode to Elvis" is a tribute to the Rock 'n Roll era personified by Elvis Presley. The movement style of this work is free and exuberant.

"And Life Goes On" is a thoughtful dance by Jean-Ann Marshall-Clark, Coordinator of Dance at Otterbein, which contrasts everyday movement with full dance phrases to express the inevitability of life.

Carol Anderson-Skaara's "Matched Set" is a vigorous, athletic duet set to a rhythmic score created by Skaara. In the spirit of a game, the dancers meet as competitors and leave as allies.

Finally, "All the Way Home," by the Ohio State University faculty member John Giffin is a theatre/movement piece which concerns itself with the ways in which people communicate. A series of humorous vignettes are presented, with the performers utilizing a variety of props (primarily hats and clothes) to establish different identities. Popular music from the 1920's and 30's accompanies the work.

Dancers Carol Anderson-Skaara, Kathleen Christmas, David Krohn, Jean-Ann Marshall-Clark, Linda Martin, and Janet Parrot currently comprise the Moving Arts Company.

Admission is \$4.00 for students and senior citizens and \$6.00 for adults. For reservations phone 890-3028 beginning Monday, March 31, 1-4:30 p.m. Tickets will also be available at the door.



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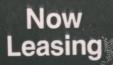
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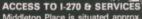
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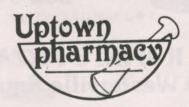
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TRAD BURNS (Master Electrician) is a freshman design/technical major from Vermillion, OH. He worked set crew for ANNE FRANK and props for PETER PAN and LADYHOUSE BLUES.

KEVIN CARTY (Curtis) is a sophomore musical theatre major from Findlay, OH. He appeared in <u>WEST SIDE STORY</u> as Arab and was the Pirate Ceceo in <u>PETER PAN</u>. Last summer Kevin worked with the Weathervane Summer Stock Theatre.

CHRIS CLAPP (Phillip) is a freshman musical theatre major from Allegany, N.Y. He appeared as the Indian Screaming Eagle in <u>PETER PAN</u>.

LINDA COLE (WIDOW) is a senior BFA performance major from Marysville, OH. Linda has appeared in many roles at Otterbein including Mona in <u>JIMMY DEAN</u>, <u>JIMMY DEAN</u>. She spent her fall term with Simon Kumin Casting Agency in New York City.

BETH DEILEY (Stage Manager) is a junior Theatre Acting/Directing and English writing major from Whitehall, Oh. She has appeared as the Narrator in <u>LOVERS</u>, a nurse in <u>FLEPHANT MAN</u> and was assistant director for <u>PETER PAN</u>.

SHAWN DENTON (Nicholas) is a freshman BFA theatre performance major from Reynoldsburg, OH.

CHARLOTTE DOUGHERTY (Katherine) is a junior BFA performance major from North Canton, OH. She has appeared as Mrs. Frank in <u>ANNE FRANK</u>, Agnes in <u>AGNES OF GOD</u>, Edna Louise in <u>JIMMY DEAN</u>, <u>JIMMY DEAN</u>, and Jill Mason in <u>FQUUS</u>.

MARC FOSTER (Lucentio) is a sophomore BFA performance major from Gahanna, OH. Marc has appeared as Peter Van Daan in <u>ANNE FRANK</u>, Big Deal in <u>WEST SIDE STORY</u> and appeared in <u>BABY</u> and <u>ANDROCLES AND THE LION</u> in Otterbein Summer Theatre.

NANCY FOX (Property Mistress) is a senior BFA performance major from Pickerington, OH. Her fall term was spent interning in New York City with McCorkle Casting. She was last seen in the role of Helen in <u>LADYHOUE BLUES</u>.

TODD FREEMAN (Baptista) is a senior BFA performance major from Delaware, OH. He previously appeared as Pepe in <u>WEST SIDE STORY</u> and in Otterbein Summer Theatre productions. Todd was stage manager for <u>LADYHOUSE BLUES</u>.

STEVE GEYER (Gremio) is a freshman musical theatre major from Pittsburgh, PA. He appeared as Cockson in <u>PETER PAN</u> and worked prop crew for <u>LADYHOUSE BLUES</u>. Steve is a member of Opus Zero.

TIM GREGORY (Petruchio) is a jumior BFA performance major from Cincinnati, Ob. Tim appeared as Mr. Frank in ANNE FRANK, Tony in WEST SIDE STORY and Captain Hook in PETER PAN. He was a member of Otterbein Summer Theatre.

DIA HUEKLER (Publicity Chairman and Box Office Manager) is a BFA performance major from Cincinnati, Oh. Her past performances include: Peter in <u>PETER PAN</u>, Peter's Grandmother in <u>HEIDI</u>, and Mona (Then) in <u>JIMMY DEAN</u>, <u>JIMMY DEAN</u>.

JEFF KIN (Hortensio) is a senior musical theatre major from Upper Sandusky, OH. Jeff has appeared as Motel in <u>FIDDLER ON THE ROOF</u> and M. Fleurant in <u>IMAGINARY</u> <u>INVALID</u>. He spent his fall term in New York City at Hughes Moss Casting Agency.

KYLE MOORE (Biondello) is a freshman BFA performance major from Northland High School, Columbus, OH. He played the role of Starkey in <u>PETER PAN</u>.

LIANA PETERS (Publicity Co-Chairman) is a junior BFA performance major from Tipp City, OH. She was last seen as Dot in <u>LADYHOUSE BLUES</u>. Her other roles include: Miep in <u>ANNE FRANK</u>, Sissy in <u>JIMMY DEAN</u> and Babe in <u>CRIMES OF THE HEART</u>.

JO BETH PHALEN (Ass't Stage Manager) is a senior BFA performance major from Fairfield, OH. Previous roles in which she appeared are: Good Witch in <u>WIZARD</u> <u>OF OZ</u>, Mrs. Van Daan in <u>ANNE FRANK</u> and Stella Mae in <u>JIMMY DEAN</u>, <u>JIMMY DEAN</u>.

CATHERINE RANDAZZO (Milliner) is a junior BFA performance major from Seven Hills, OH. She previously was seen as Tiger Lily in <u>PETER PAN</u> and Anita in <u>WEST SIDE STORY</u>. She was the milliner for <u>LADYHOUSE BLUES</u>.

TIM ST. JOHN (Tranio) is a sophomore BFA performance major from Ashland, OH. He appeared as Smee in <u>PETER PAN</u>.

LORI SCHUBELER (Bianca) is a freshman BFA performance major from West Chester, OH. She worked on the props and set crews for <u>PETER PAN</u>.

RALPH SCOTT (Vincentio) is a sophomore BFA performace major from Athens, OH. He previously appeared as Bill Jukes in PETER PAN,

TODD TORRENGA (A Tailor) is a sophomore BFA performance major from Delavan, WI. He appeared as Strong Bear in PETER PAN.

SUSIE WALSH (Stage Carpenter) is a freshman design/technical major from Barrington, IL. She worked on lighting crew for <u>PETER PAN</u>.

SCOTT WILLIS (Nathaniel) is a sophomore musical theatre major from Ashville, OH. He appeared as a pirate in PETER PAN and as Deisel in WEST SIDE STORY.

TOD WILSON (Ass't Technical Director) is a senior theatre major from Gahanna, OH He was ass't light designer for <u>LADYHOUSE BLUES</u> and works extensively backstage.

ROBERT WITHEROW (Joseph) is a sophomore Theatre major from Columbus, OH. He appeared as Estavan in <u>WEST SIDE STORY</u> and has worked set and prop crews.

ROY WOODS (Grumio) is a junior theatre major from Eaton, OH. He appeared in ANNE FRANK as Mr. Kraler and in THE IMAGINARY INVALID as Bonnefoy.

DUFF WCODSIDE (Pedant) is a freshman speech/theatre/education major from Cincinnati, OH. He appeared as Noodles in PETER PAN.